

REALTY BOARD OPPOSES NEW PROPOSAL TO RAISE COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 50 PERCENT

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board is opposed to the announced statement of policy of County Assessor John R. Quinn in which he has instructed his deputies to assess real property at fifty percent of present sales prices and to take into account asking prices as well as reports of rejected offers.

Torrance Woman Injured In Bus-Truck Accident

Eight persons, including one Torrance resident, were injured when a Greyhound bus collided with a cattle truck-trailer Friday night at Pacific Coast highway and Figueroa st. Hurt least, but bawling the loudest were 12 dairy cows in the cattle truck. Most seriously injured was Mrs. Elizabeth H. Buit of 322 Tenth st., Santa Monica. Those receiving minor injuries were Mr. and Mrs. Claus Horst, of 1347 9th ave., Oakland; Mrs. Mario Gullett, of 2630-B 25th st., Santa Monica; Mrs. Willie Lee Dorman of 1041 25th st., Normont; Torrance; George W. Rost, of Normandie st. and Pacific Coast highway; Mrs. Mildred Greenlee of 1432 Arlington st., Torrance, and Fred Bom, bus driver, of 1318 Elm st., Long Beach. The passengers, 18 in all, were removed through the emergency escape hatch after the front door jammed in the crash.

St. Teresa Guild Holds Picnic At Torrance Park

Members of St. Teresa Guild of the Catholic Church Altar Society met at Torrance Park Wednesday, June 19 at one o'clock for a picnic and afternoon of fun. Camera pictures were taken and games played. Those attending were Mrs. Blanche Timpski, Angeline Kibbenger, Marian Slangen, Laura Ramsaur, Pauline Rowe, Catherine Biles, Naomi McKinney, Charlotte Covey, Jane Farrar, Janet LeBlanc and two sons, and Esther Jensen and son.

FLOOR SURFACES

The National Retail Furniture Association has prepared a 419-page comprehensive study on soft surface floor covering problems in the sales and merchandising fields.

A resolution of the realty board was forwarded to Quinn and the members of the County Assessors Association of California and various other organizations, recommending that "the policy of the office of the County Assessors of California be to continue to assess real property and improvements on the basis of stabilized market value as they have done in the past."

"It has been the general policy of the County Assessor's office in California, to assess real property on a basis of stabilized market values.

"Present sales prices are not stabilized and are less stable during this reconversion period than at any time during the war, particularly in homes, with the present extreme housing shortage due to returning veterans and the large number of newcomers arriving daily.

"Real property owners at all times have paid more than their proper share of Government expense and any policy resulting in an increase in their contribution is not only unfair but endangers stability resulting from broad scale home ownership.

"Appraisals based upon present sales prices will be detrimental to veterans in that they will lose their well earned \$1000 exemption in all cases where the appraisal for tax purposes exceeds \$5000.

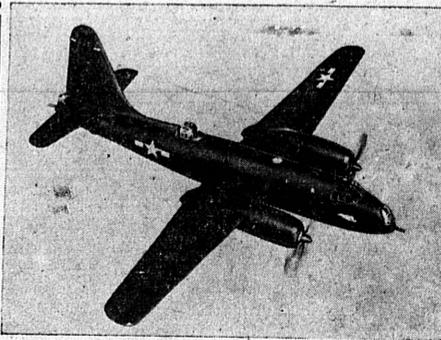
Walteria Girl Scouts Hold Final Meeting

Junior High School Girl Scout troop No. 57 of Walteria held their final meeting of the school year Wednesday, June 19, with a patio supper served by the girls.

Alice Deurloo and Joyce N. Michels were presented with membership cards and badges. Special events throughout the summer months will keep the troop united with full program planned for the fall.

COMBAT STRAIN

The effectiveness of group psychotherapy in the treatment of men who broke under the strains of combat was sufficient to warrant carrying the technique over into out-patient work in the Veterans Administration.



Official U. S. Navy Photo

THE TWAIN MEETS—IN RECORD-BREAKING TIME!—A new east-west speed record was set by this new Navy Neptune patrol bomber, a two-motored Lockheed P2V, when it sat down at Burbank Field, Calif., 9 hours 23 minutes and 2 seconds after its take-off from Floyd Bennett Field. This sliced 33 minutes off the previous best speed, despite poor flying conditions that forced the plane 150 miles off course. The Neptune was piloted by Commander Thomas D. Davies, of Chevy Chase, Md., and carried three naval crewmen and two civilian passengers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

917 Beech avenue
Torrance, California
June 13, 1946

Editor, Torrance Herald:

As a parent who is very anxious to have her child get the best education possible, I have gone into this Torrance school situation from both sides. I was a comparative newcomer to Torrance when my son entered the first grade last year and when I was told that he would be on half day sessions I was very upset. Then along came Mrs. Carr's letter about the schools and I was very interested. I attended one meeting of the Torrance Parents Association and even held another such meeting in my home. After this meeting I couldn't see that they were doing anything concrete to help the situation, all they were doing as far as I could see was a lot of criticizing and had some vague ideas about what they could do.

Then I began to go into the school more. I learned to know my son's teachers and his principal. I met other mothers who were sincerely interested in bettering some conditions.

The result of all this has been that while the Torrance Parents Association has been making a lot of fuss, a group of mothers, of whom I am proud to be one, met twice with the proper authorities from the Los Angeles system and asked for five (5) things for the Fern avenue school, and I am happy to say that when our children go back to school next September they will have the benefit of all the things which were asked for: desks instead of tables and chairs in some rooms; a new building; a fence around the playground; black top surfacing around the school grounds.

Another point I would like to make at this time is that we did not even have to go to Los Angeles to meet the men who were in charge, they came to us.

I sincerely feel that if you would stop all this talk of withdrawing and go meet in a dignified manner with the proper authorities from Los Angeles schools to present your problems and what you want for Torrance that you would be met with all courtesy and would find that you would get the things you want and also have the benefits of being in a large system. I have gone into this problem of a teacher shortage, and believe me it is one of the most serious things our nation is faced with, and Torrance will find itself in a very serious situation if they go on with their own to try and get teachers. Hoping that you will publish this for other parents to read.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Herbert T. Markham

Editor Torrance Herald:
I wish to thank the citizens of Torrance and the people of Inglewood township who re-elected me as Justice of the Peace of Inglewood township.

June 25, 1946

Editor, Torrance Herald:

As the head of a family with two children in schools here, please permit me to congratulate you on your stand in regard to the schools of Torrance, and for the remarkable campaign in Torrance on the Los Angeles school bond issue which resulted in showing what the people of Torrance want — their own schools.

Ever so often, when my children come home from school with reports, I regret that I came to Torrance. They were bright children in the Long Beach schools, and Long Beach has one of the finest school systems in the United States. Here in Torrance, they do not seem to be making progress, and I think that it partly is because they spend so little time in class and studying. There is always something going on at the school to take them away from classes.

I have talked to many other parents and they tell me the same thing.

We know how the people feel now that the bond election is over. What is holding up the drive to take the schools here out of Los Angeles.

The way I figure it, it is costing the taxpayers in Torrance \$1,000,000 every day they let Los Angeles run the schools. That's an awful penalty to pay — and still get poor schools. It costs Los Angeles only about \$375,000 to run the schools in Torrance. If we give them \$700,000 a year to run them, then where does that \$325,000 go? Let's keep that \$325,000 a year in Torrance and build some schools. But first we have to get out of Los Angeles system. Keep it up, Mr. Editor. The people are back of you.

Sincerely,
H. H. B.

P. S.—I hope my children don't get in trouble at school next year because I wrote this letter. But if they do, it is worth it, to get good schools for them. (Editor's Note: In view of the post script on this letter, we are publishing it without a signature, holding the signed letter in our files.)

June 21, 1946
Editor Torrance Herald:
On behalf of the Torrance Elementary P.T.A. we wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation in giving publicity to our organization in the past year.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Mary Vendera for her excellent cooperation in enabling us to achieve the certificate of achievement in our publicity book.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Don Wolf, Pres.
Mrs. Curtis Brown, Publicity chairman.

office No. 2, in the recent primary election. I sincerely appreciate this support and trust that I will continue to warrant this confidence.

FRANK D. PARENT.

2 Thrill-Packed Rodeo Shows Due On Big Fourth of July Celebration

Two thrill-packed shows, featuring spectacular rodeo activity ranging from highly competitive horsemanship to the antics of rank amateurs and clowns will mark the Fourth Annual Torrance Rodeo, July 3, 8 p. m. and July 4, 2 p. m. in Torrance ball park. The show, sponsored by the Cowboy Association of America, of which each contesting participant is a member, will draw world-champion cowboys.

Competing for the large purse of prize money will be Ralph Camarillo, title-holding all-around cowboy and bull-dogger; Harry Floyd, champ bareback bronc rider; John Quijada, champion bull-rider; Carl Goodstead, world champion calf-roper; Carl Grimes, the champ team roper who is furnishing the Brahmas, Texas longhorns, Nevada broncs and fast roping calves for the show. Matt Crocker, famous rodeo announcer, will be master of ceremonies.

The world champion cowboys will compete in riding the wildest and toughest broncs and Brahmas. Steer wrestling, bull-dogging, calf roping, wild cow milking, trick riding, fancy roping and races will add excitement to the show as the nation's leading daredevils and stunt performers take to the arena.

A colorful section of the Torrance Fourth of July parade at 11 a. m. on the streets of Torrance will be furnished by local horse owners and riders with silver-mounted saddles and spectacular western costumes participating with the rodeo performers.

Torrance veterans will be admitted free to the rodeo, as the affair is a part of the gigantic five-day Torrance Veterans Welcome Home celebration which opens July 3 and closes July 7. To add to the array of beautiful horseflesh entered in the rodeo, H. C. Callihan, rodeo chairman, has had shipped to Torrance from his uncle's ranch in Ruby Valley, Nevada, a beautiful well-bred black pony, approximately 15 hands high.

Callihan will put on a special exhibition of roping from the animal, a come-down, he says, from his spectacular ride on the Brahma bull of the 1945 rodeo. He failed to make the whistle last year, but did better in the two previous years.

Callihan said that he is sure of his seat on his new black mare, a horse which anyone can ride.

Also from northern Nevada will come a horse which the cowhands of Nevada and other western states never have ridden. Rodeo folks will know this horse, named "Tumbler." The horse is spectacular in his sunfishing, end swapping and high diving through delight of throwing his rider.

Mr. Homier also leaves four other daughters, Miss Lottie Homier of Harbor City, Mrs. E. Dorn, Torrance, and Mrs. Jane Harvey and C. W. Dale, San Pedro, and 17 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Interment will follow in the Wilmington cemetery.

This is George Sylvester Raikes Who failed to have us fix his brakes



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